

## COUNTY CORRESPONDENCE.

## NEWSY LETTERS FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENTS.

## Items of Interest From all Parts of Sumter and Adjoining Counties.

## NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Mail your letters so that they will reach this office not later than Tuesday morning. When the letters are received Wednesday it is almost an impossibility to have them appear in the paper issued that day.

## TINDAL.

Tindal, S. C., May 2.—Mr. Edward Hodge, an old resident and Confederate soldier, died at his home in this neighborhood on Monday afternoon, April 29th, and was buried at Providence Church Wednesday, May 1st, at 11 o'clock.

The funeral services which were largely attended by his friends and relatives were conducted by the pastor, Rev. Geo. Spruill, assisted by Rev. J. N. Tolar, of Summerton. Mr. Hodge was in the 77th year of his age.

In the presence of many friends on last Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock Mr. Young Holliday and Miss Aline Richardson were united in marriage by Rev. J. N. Tolar at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. J. P. Richardson.

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Tindal are now living in their new residence.

Miss Edith Richardson has returned home from school in Sumter.

The Providence school closed on last Thursday. The teacher, Miss Dora Bristow, has returned to her home in Darlington.

## DARK CORNER.

Dark Corner, May 3.—We are having nice, grass-growing weather these last few days, which it is not failing to do. Most of the farmers have finished planting cotton, and that which was planted about the 20th of April is up to a fine stand. Some have commenced to plow corn, but corn, generally, is small for this time of the year, and stands are very poor.

All of those I mentioned as sick last week are improving, but Mrs. Joe M. Ardis and Joe Johnston are and have been real sick for several days.

There was a fine congregation out at the Greenland Savannah Sunday school last Sunday evening. After the Sunday school exercises were over we had a very interesting sermon by Rev. Wm. Haynsworth, from Jno 10: 10, "That they might have more life." Rev. Mr. Haynsworth is pastor of the Bethel and Wedgfield churches. We were glad to have him with us, and hope he will come again soon.

Mr. George P. Ardis, a native of this Corner, but who moved out in central Privateer some months ago, visited relatives here a few Sundays ago, and a young lady (he's a widower) told me that he had fattened up, since he left us until she believed he would weigh almost a hundred pounds. So much for Privateer.

Mr. Charlie Ardis has (so I am informed) been at the Sycamores (T. H. Osteen's) for about nine nights out of a week.

Miss Edna, daughter of Mr. Frank J. Graham, has been spending this week with her grandmother and aunt, Mrs. Susan C. Kolb and Mrs. Thos H. Osteen.

Mr. T. H. Osteen made a business trip to Tindal yesterday. Oh, that man's guano made its appearance on April 26th, and he put it down Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, and finished planting his cotton Thursday. Pretty good for Tom.

Well, I shall ring off here and rest. Perhaps I will see you tomorrow, Mr. Editor, as I have to go to your city in the morn'g.

## PISGAH.

Pisgah, May 4.—Fine rains have fallen here in the last day or so. This will help the oats, but it looks as if a very poor crop will be made. Cotton stands are now very good. Corn is poor. Grass will now reign as king and with the most unreliable labor to contend with the effort to keep clean crops will tax the ingenuity of man.

Capt. I. J. Cooley, of Darlington, is visiting his daughter, Mrs. J. L. Gillis.

A picnic is going on today at Kelley's landing on Wateree river, below the Reid State farm. The writer acknowledges an invitation to be present.

You did not hit Attorney General Lyon a lick amiss in the item of this week. He went over the State last year telling the people what wonderful things he was going to do, fooling a number to vote for him. We soon saw his game, and let him alone.

A school question is pending of some interest in Rafting Creek township. Last year, a special tax of four mills was voted; this year an effort is being made to bond the township for \$3,500 to build a central school of high grade. The people are too poor to pay so much taxes and the probability is that the bonds will be defeated, unless the special tax of four mills is officially withdrawn before the election.

## MAX.

Max, S. C., ay 6.—Forty ladies and girls organized a W. M. S. at Bethel Sunday.

Mrs. Johnnie Darby, Misses Griffin and Matthews, of Lynchburg, Mr. J. M. Truluck, Miss Lena Thames, of Lake City, Mrs. Lena Keels, of Ashton, Dr. Nat Hicks and family, of Florence, attended services at Bethel yesterday.

Rev. Bedenbaugh preached an impressive sermon to a large congregation at Nazareth Sunday afternoon.

Several young people from here attended the commencement at Pine Grove Friday night and Saturday.

Communion services will be at the Presbyterian Church at Beulah next Sunday.

Prof. Busby, of Irmo, is spending a few days in Beulah.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Pate, of Shiloh, visited relatives here last week.

Mrs. C. E. Timmons, of Beulah, spent last Tuesday with friends at Max.

Mr. Redden McGee and family, of Timmonsville, spent Sunday with his parents here.

## PRIVATEER.

Privateer, May 6.—The farmers are through planting cotton. The first planted is up to a good stand. The oat crop is very poor.

The Tindal school will close Friday with a picnic.

Mrs. Haynsworth is visiting relatives at Denmark.

Mrs. W. A. Brown, of Wedgfield, is spending some time at Mr. G. A. Nettles.

Mr. Ernest Bradford, of Alcolu, spent Sunday at his mother's, Mrs. S. J. Bradford.

We are informed that a colored man, Cyrus Bracy by name, has lost four mules with glanders and has two others sick.

## STATEBURG.

Stateburg, May 6.—Mr. J. Singleton Moore, Miss Nannie Moore and Miss A. N. Parker, of Sumter are spending a few days at "The Oaks," the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Screven Moore.

Mr. Frank P. Burgess spent Sunday at home.

Mrs. S. E. Nelson and Miss Lottie Nelson are visiting in Sumter.

Mr. Early Mellett spent Sunday at home.

Miss Everett, of Sumter, was the guest of Miss Hattie Norris on Sunday.

Mr. M. H. Boykin, of Sumter, spent Sunday in our midst.

Miss Sarah Moore, who is attending the Sumter Graded School, spent Saturday and Sunday at home. She had as her guest Miss Nannie Richardson.

Mr. Warren Burgess and Master William Brooks Stuckey, of Sumter, spent Sunday with Mr. F. P. Burgess.

Miss Gertrude Myers, of Sumter, was the guest of Mrs. A. F. Neyle on Sunday.

Rev. W. H. Barnwell visited friends at Hagood today.

## DALZELL.

Dalzell, May 6.—We have been having a lot of rain for the past few days, and tonight we had a very heavy rain and some hail. Hope the hail did not do much damage. It did not last long.

We did intend going to Columbia this week, but when I went over to the train this morning I found I had a battle to fight myself, instead of going to see those who fought in the 60's, for I found I had about 75 acres with about as fine a stand of grass as I ever saw, to contend with, and the way it has rained tonight will make matters worse, for we won't be able to plow for the next few days.

Mr. J. M. Woodley had to plant over 60 acres of cotton, on which he failed to get a stand.

Mr. W. D. Carson has had to plant over several acres. He sent off for some improved seed and planted them and they were not good, so he has just finished planting over the second time.

The oat crop has improved considerably for the last week or so, though the crop will be short at best.

Mr. G. W. Wingate says all of his early melons were killed, and he is just now getting a stand from the second planting. I fear there won't be many melons around here by the Fourth of July. Mr. Wingate generally has them earlier than any one in the neighborhood.

Mrs. M. C. Pennal is at Mrs. K. J. Carson's for the summer. We are always glad to welcome her back when she goes away. She is such a kind, excellent lady.

Rev. S. D. Bailey gave us a good sermon at St. James yesterday afternoon. Sorry to hear of the severe illness of his wife and baby, and hope they may have a speedy recovery.

Several from this community went to Stateburg yesterday.

## SHRINERS IN WRECK.

Raton, N. M., May 4.—The west bound Santa Fe passenger train, carrying many Shriners to Los Angeles, was wrecked 20 miles south of here today. Twelve of the 208 passengers were injured, ten seriously, but not fatally.

## RAILROAD DISCRIMINATION.

Department of Justice Has Begun a Far Reaching Investigation.

Washington, May 1.—The department of justice has begun an investigation of a score or more leading steamship and railroad lines who are charged with discrimination in handling cotton goods for export. It is believed the inquiry will approximate the Standard Oil litigation. The case was brought by the Enterprise Manufacturing Company, the China and Japan Trading Company and others against the Georgia Railroad Company et al, complaining that charges on cotton goods from Southern points to the Pacific coast were unjust and discriminatory as compared with those from New England points.

## A DEWEY BANQUET.

Admiral Dewey and His Officers Will Celebrate Victory of Manila.

Washington, May 1.—The ninth anniversary of Dewey's victory at Manila will be celebrated with a banquet tonight by Admiral Dewey and as many of his officers as can be present. Of the six captains who shared the honor's of Dewey's victory three are dead, two are retired rear admirals, and one is a rear admiral in active service. Admiral Dewey's personal Chinese servant, Ah New, who was with him at Manila, will serve the guests at the banquet tonight.

## GRAFT HUNTER ARRESTED.

Manager of Inter-National Policy Holders' Committee Arraigned.

New York, May 1.—Geo. R. Scruggs, manager of the International Policy Holders' committee, who was arrested with two assistants, charged with conspiracy in connection with the recent elections of Mutual and New York Life Insurance Companies was arraigned today before the magistrate. After a few minutes hearing he was released in \$25,000 bail. The hearing will be resumed at 2 o'clock Monday.

## RING DEFEATS HUGHES.

Gov. Hughes of New York Down and Out in Fight With Ringsters.

Albany, N. Y., May 1.—Governor Hughes met a decisive defeat in the senate today when the friends of Otto Kelsey swept the field by a vote of 35 to 16 on the adoption of the report of the judiciary committee on the issue of permitting former Judge Hatch, Kelsey's counsel, to appear before the senate to argue the matter of Kelsey's removal. This practically ends the long drawn struggle indicating that stumbling blocks are ahead for the governor. Today's vote is believed to exactly forecast the final vote on the question of Kelsey's removal. Three Democrats, Schalan, Fuller and Taylor voted with the governor. The vote followed the hottest debate of the present session. Senator Raines delivered an impassioned address, accusing Senators Armstrong and Page of having made up their minds before the trial. Judge Hatch will address the senate in favor of Kelsey.

## ENTOMBED MINERS RESCUED.

Water Pumped From Mine and Seven Men Saved.

Johnstown, Pa., May 1.—The seven imprisoned miners were taken from the Fuestwall mines this morning before 2 o'clock and rushed on a special train to the hospital at Windber. All are now doing nicely. The blast which was set off in the mine last Friday let in a flood of water from an old mine cutting off the exit of seven men. Enormous pumps have been working ever since and finally enabled the men to be rescued. It is said a few days in the hospital will put the men in good shape again.

## STROMBOLI FIERCELY ACTIVE.

Red and Blue Burning Stones Cast Up and Dark Cloud Formed.

Messino, Sicily, April 30.—Some of the inhabitants of the island of Stromboli, who have fled from there and reached this city, describe the eruption of the Stromboli volcano as terrific. The detonations were deafening. Red and blue burning stones and cinders were thrown up, and about a thousand feet over the top of the volcano, which is 3,040 feet above the level of the sea, an immense dark umbrella-shaped cloud formed.

The industrious population of the island, numbering about 2,000 persons, had with great difficulty gradually cultivated the sides of the volcano almost up to the crater, chiefly as vineyards, but the eruption has entirely destroyed everything within a radius of 1,500 feet of the crater, and has seriously damaged the rest of the island.

A great many farmers who had a fine stand of corn before the last cold spell had to plow up the entire crop and replant it. If they follow the Williamson plan they can still make all the corn they need for home use.

## LOVE ALL HE HAD TO LEAVE.

Lounsbury, Poor and Insane, Left a Beautiful Will.

Justice Walter Lloyd Smith, who presides over the third department of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court, brought with him to the dinner of the New York University Law School Alumni Association Saturday night what he said was the most remarkable document that ever came into his possession. Others who read the document, the last will and testament of Charles Lounsbury, who died in the Cook County Asylum at Dunning, Ill., were disposed to agree with him. Here it is:

"I, Charles Lounsbury, being of sound mind and disposing memory, do hereby make and publish this, my last will and testament, in order as justly as may be to distribute my interest in the world among succeeding men.

"That part of my interest which is known in law and recognized in the sheep-bound volumes as my property, being inconsiderable and of no account, I make no disposal of it in this my will.

"My right to live being but a life estate, is not at my disposal, but these things excepted, all else in the world I now proceed to devise and bequeath:

"Item: I give to good fathers and mothers, in trust for their children, all good little words of praise and encouragement, and all quaint pet names and endearments, and I charge said parents to use them justly and generously, as the needs of their children may require.

"Item: I leave to children inclusively, but only for the term of their childhood, all and every, the dowers of the fields and blossoms of the woods, with the right to play among them freely according to the customs of children, warning them at the same time against thistles and thorns. And I devise to children the banks of the brooks, and the golden sands beneath the waters thereof, and the odors of the willows that dip therein, and the white clouds that float high over the giant trees. And I leave the children the long, long days to be merry in, in a thousand ways, and the night and the moon and the train of the Milky Way to wonder at, but subject, nevertheless, to the rights hereinafter given to lovers.

"Item: I devise to boys jointly all the useful idle fields and commons where ball may be played; all pleasant waters where one may swim; all snowclad hills where one may coast, and all streams and ponds where one may fish, or where, when grim winter comes, one may skate; to have and to hold the same for the period of their boyhood. And all meadows with the clover blossoms and butterflies thereof, the woods and their appurtenances, the squirrels and birds, and echoes of the strange noises, and all distant places which may be visited, together with the adventures there found. And I give to said boys each his own place at the fireside at night, with all pictures that may be seen in the burning wood, to enjoy without let or hindrance and without any incommbrance of care.

"Item: To lovers, I devise their imaginary world, with whatever they may need, as the stars of the sky, the red roses by the wall, the bloom of the hawthorn, the sweet strains of music and aught else by which they may desire to figure to each other the lastingness and beauty of their love.

"Item: To young men jointly I devise and bequeath all boisterous, inspiring sports of rivalry, and I give to them the disdain of weakness and undaunted confidence in their own strength, though they are rude; I give them the power to make lasting friendships, and of possessing companions, and to them exclusively I give all merry songs and brave choruses, to sing with lusty voices.

"Item: And to those who are no longer children or youths or lovers I leave memory, and I bequeath to them the volumes of the poems of Burns and Shakespeare and of other poets, if there be others, to the end that they may live over the old days again, freely and fully, without tithes or diminution.

"Item: To our loved ones with snowy crowns I bequeath the happiness of old age the love and gratitude of their children until they fall asleep."—New York Times.

## ACCIDENT NEAR TIMMONSVILLE.

Mr. John M. Benton Probably Fatally Hurt at Sawmill.

Timmonsville, May 2.—Mr. John M. Benton, a citizen of this place, who is engaged in the saw mill business, while attending to his duties last evening was struck on the head by a piece of lumber which was gathered up by the large driving belt, and knocked senseless. Latest reports say he will not recover. He was taken to Dr. McLeod's hospital at Florence for an operation.

Mr. Benton is a hard-working and honorable man, a member of the Woodmen of the World and a most zealous member. Much sympathy is felt for his wife and family.

## A VOTING CONTEST.

The Civic League Will Hold an Election to Name Most Popular Physician.

The ladies of the Sumter Civic League have decided to have a voting contest for the most popular physician in the Game Cock City.

The physicians of Sumter are deservedly among the most admired and esteemed of our citizens, and they are prominent in church, social and business circles. There is no one closer and few, out side of the immediate family, as close to the family as the doctor. Naturally he who alleviates our sufferings, comes to us any hour of the night or day, rain or shine, and who makes many sacrifices in the interest of humanity, as the Sumter physicians do, devoting as much care and attention to the poor as to the rich, whose duties are labors of love, must necessarily be dear to the entire family. And the citizens of Sumter will no doubt show by their votes in this contest how much they think of their family physicians. While only one can win, nevertheless, it will doubtless be a spirited though good-natured and friendly contest. It has often been said that the medical fraternity of a community is an index to the intelligence and progress of that city or town. And in the medical doctors of Sumter, this city has a just pride. Skilled, learned and up-to-date in their professional work, they are also among the most public-spirited, liberal and progressive of our citizens. Physicians can be found as stockholders, directors, presidents of our financial and manufacturing and commercial institutions of Sumter, and in everything which helps to build up Sumter. They are property owners, taxpayers, hustling men.

The physician receiving the highest number of votes will be presented with a valuable physician's buggy case (improved) filled with all of the necessary vials, tablets, etc., as a mark of esteem in which he is held by his fellow-citizens. This case has been donated to the Civic League through the instrumentality of Health Officer E. I. Reardon. Mr. W. W. McKagen has been requested by the ladies' committee to act as chairman of the committee to conduct this contest, to select his assistants on the committee and arrange for the voting contest. Ten cents a vote will be charged. The committee will announce the place where the voting booths will be established later. Get ready to pick your winner, and show our doctors how much the people think of them.

## RIOTING IN WARSAW.

Troops Patrol the City to Prevent a Serious Outbreak.

Warsaw, Poland, May 1.—Troops are today patrolling all streets here to guard against outbreaks of the strikers who have tied up the factories, markets, bakeries, car lines, newspapers and filled the streets with idle men. A food famine is imminent unless the strike is soon ended. The troops have the strikers well in hand.

## MRS. THAW MAKES GIFT.

Fifty Thousand Dollars Given to Westminster University.

New York, May 1.—The statement was made today by Mrs. Wm. Thaw, the mother of Harry K. Thaw, that she had given fifty thousand dollars to the New Westminster University at Denver. It is said that Mrs. Thaw will give a hundred thousand dollars additional, if the trial of her son does not cost too much.

## KILLS WITHOUT CAUSE.

Shocking Fratricide in Saluda County Sunday Night.

Saluda, May 6.—A most shocking fratricide was committed last night in the extreme northwestern section of this county when Lawton Lowrey, a young white man, shot his brother, Preston Lowrey, to death in the home of the latter.

From the meagre information obtained this morning, at this distance from the scene of the awful tragedy, it appears that Lawton Lowrey, who lived in the home of the brother whom he has slain came in some time during the night, and going to his brother's room with a shotgun told him he was going to kill him. The dead man replied: "No, I reckon not," but seeing the drunken condition of Lawton and fearing he would do something rash, he ran under the bed for a short time he started to come out, whereupon the fatal shot was fired and he was killed almost instantly.

A. B. Williams, former editor of the Greenville News, now editor of the Richmond News-Leader, is visiting old friends in Greenville.

Farmers of the Fork Shoals section of Greenville county complain of shortage of labor on account of negroes jumping their contracts.

## Sad Case of an ex-Representative.

Former Representative Walter Mabrey of Louisiana was holding a baby with one hand the other day and reached with the other hand to pick some object from the floor. The movement strained him so that he broke his wish-bone. It is evident Walter doesn't know much about babies. A woman can grab a baby with one hand, button her husband's collar, make the bed, dust the furniture, take up the ashes, put a stick of wood in the stove, wind the clock, pick a pin off the floor, swat a fly on the back of her neck, and knock the cat out of the milkpan with the other hand and never strain a muscle.—El Paso Evening News.

The Columbia dispensary board has started a beer bottling plant.

The National Schutzenfest begins at Charleston next Monday.

The State convention of Elks will be held at Orangeburg May 15-16.

The State federation of women's clubs meets in Orangeburg on May 9th.

Eli Davis, a negro watchman, was run over and both his legs were cut off in the A. C. L. yards at Florence.

Benjamin Sutcliffe and Miss Mary Belfield, natives of England, who were separated 40 years ago, were married in Columbia.

J. C. Clamp, proprietor of the Commercial Hotel in Columbia, has been bound over to court for disposing of stolen goods.

## SUICIDE IN PARIS.

Charles J. Steadman, of New York, Shot Himself in the Mouth.

Paris, May 3.—Despondency is given as the reason for the suicide of Charles J. Steadman, of New York and Philadelphia, a son of the late Rear Admiral Steadman. Steadman and wife reached here after a tour accompanied by a little girl. Steadman is reported to have been drinking heavily, causing despondency. He shot himself in the mouth when left alone a few minutes. The body will be shipped home.

## A Poor Organ.

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## DURANT'S DRUG STORE.

Ben Colbert and his brother have been arrested at Greenville for shooting Turner Stokes. All are block system telegraph operators on the Southern Railway.